



Update for State Offices and NREMT February 2013

CECBEMS Waives Initial Review Fee for CAAHEP (CoAEMSP) Accredited Programs through 12/31/2013

Given that there is substantial overlap in CAAHEP (CoAEMSP) and CECBEMS requirements, CECBEMS has developed an abbreviated application form for CAAHEP (CoAEMSP) accredited programs. CECBEMS will also waive the application fee for the first organizational application which is good for three years. To take advantage of this offer, the application must arrive in the CECBEMS office no later than 12/31/2013.

Although the application has been streamlined and the initial review fee waived, applicants will be expected to comply with all CECBEMS requirements, budget for a site visit during the three-year accreditation period, and be prepared to upload course completion records and pay the associated fee for each record reported.

We hope that those CAAHEP (CoAEMSP) accredited programs that already offer CE and those that would like to do so will take advantage of this special pricing.

CECBEMS 2011-2012 Annual Report

See attached. Life has been and continues to be busy at CECBEMS. Let us know if you have questions, comments, suggestions, etc.

Compliance Interactions Increase Accountability

CECBEMS conducts in-person site visits and online virtual site visits to gather information and assess CE providers' compliance with CECBEMS requirements. Further, CECBEMS has contracted with a quality assurance consultant to assess current accredited CE providers and make recommendations for ensuring that all meet or exceed our standards. These activities increase accountability and improve quality, but they are not enough!

State offices are a critical source of information as are the EMS providers who access CECBEMS accredited CE and submit a CE record periodically for license renewal or for recertification. We encourage you to call or email us with questions, observations, and suggestions about compliance matters. This past year, calls from state offices have resulted in investigation and correction of significant issues. Keep calling and emailing us!!

What Should Appear on a CECBEMS CERTIFICATE?

As with course numbers, CECBEMS certificates are required to provide specific information to help you verify an EMS provider's CE activities. The certificate may be formatted with a decorative border or in memo format on an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper without the decorative border. Regardless of format, the following information must appear on the certificate.

- Name of CE provider and CE provider number
- Student's name
- Activity title
- Date(s) of activity
- Location of activity
- Number and category of CEH
- CECBEMS activity number
- Name and signature of the program coordinator
- Student's license number, state of licensure
- Student's NREMT number (if student is NREMT certified)
- The following statements:

This continuing education activity is approved by (name of accredited organization), a CECBEMS accredited organization...

You have participated in a continuing education program that has received CECBEMS approval for continuing education credit. If you have any comments regarding the quality of this program and/or your satisfaction with it, please contact CECBEMS at: CECBEMS - 12200 Ford Road – Suite 478 - Dallas, Texas 75234 – Phone: 972.247-4442 - lsibley@cecbems.org.

CECBEMS represents only that its accredited programs have met CECBEMS' standards for accreditation. These standards require sound educational offerings determined by a review of its objectives, teaching plan, faculty, and program evaluation processes. CECBEMS does not endorse or support the actual teachings, opinions or material content as presented by the speaker(s) and/or sponsoring organization. CECBEMS accreditation does not represent that the content conforms to any national, state or local standard or best practice of any nature. No student shall have any cause of action against CECBEMS based on the accreditation of the material.

The following statement and logo combination may also be used:



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Decoding the CECBEMS Activity Number and Other Info

Attached is the PowerPoint presentation we did at NASEMSO in September. We thought you might find it helpful, especially the slides dealing decoding the CECBEMS course number. Many state officials have told us that this has been useful and, judging from the calls we have received, state offices are paying closer attention to this number and asking questions. Again, vigilance at the state level increases accountability in every facet of EMS CE.

Reminder: Check with CECBEMS to Be Sure an Activity is Accredited

**Thank you for your support of CECBEMS
Accreditation standards!**